What is claimed is:

5

10

1. A liquid crystal composition having a negative dielectric anisotropy, which comprising at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formulas (1-1), (1-2), (1-3) and (1-4) as a first component:

$$R^5$$
 R^2 $(1-1)$

$$R^{5} \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow R^{2}$$
 (1-2)

$$R^{5} \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow A^{5} \longrightarrow R^{2}$$
 (1-3)

$$R^5$$
 0 A^6 R^2 $(1-4)$

wherein R^5 is alkyl or alkenyl; R^2 is alkyl or alkoxy; A^5 is 1,4-phenylene or 2-fluoro-1,4-phenylene; and A^6 is 1,4-phenylene, 2-fluoro-1,4-phenylene or 2,3-difluoro-1,4-phenylene.

- 2. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein in Formulas (1-1), (1-2), (1-3) and (1-4), R^5 is alkyl, and A^5 and A^6 are 1,4-phenylene.
- 3. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 2,
 wherein the first component is at least one compound selected from the group of the compounds represented by Formulas (1-1),
 (1-2) and (1-3).

- 4. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein the first component is in the range from 30% to 80% by weight, wherein the range is based on the total weight of the liquid crystal composition.
- 5 5. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 3, wherein the first component is in the range from 30% to 80% by weight, wherein the range is based on the total weight of the liquid crystal composition.
- 6. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein it further comprises at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formulas (2), (3) and (4) as a second component:

$$R^3 \longrightarrow Z^1 - A^1 - R^4$$
 (2)

$$R^3 \longrightarrow A^1 - Z^1 - A^2 - R^4 \tag{3}$$

$$R^3 - A^3 - Z^1 - A^4 - A^1 - R^4$$
 (4)

wherein R³ and R⁴ are independently alkyl, alkoxy, alkoxymethyl,

-COOR-R¹, alkenyl or alkenyl in which any hydrogen is replaced
by fluorine; R¹ is alkyl; A¹ and A² are independently 1,4
cyclohexylene or 1,4-phenylene; A³ and A⁴ are independently 1,4
cyclohexylene, 1,4-phenylene or 2-fluoro-1,4-phenylene; and Z¹

is a single bond, -(CH₂)₂-, -COO- or -CH₂O-.

20 7. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 3,

wherein it further comprises the second component, which comprising at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formulas (2), (3), and (4) as described in the claim 6.

- 5 8. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 5, wherein it further comprises the second component, which comprising at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formulas (2), (3), and (4) as described in the claim 6.
- 9. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 6, wherein the second component is in the range from 20% to 70% by weight, wherein the range is based on the total weight of the liquid crystal composition.
- 10. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 7,
 15 wherein the second component is in the range from 20% to 70% by weight, wherein the range is based on the total weight of the liquid crystal composition.
- 11. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 8, wherein the second component is in the range from 20% to 70% by weight, wherein the range is based on the total weight of the liquid crystal composition.
 - 12. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 6, wherein it further comprises at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formula (5) as a third component:

25

 $R^{1} - \langle A^{1} \rangle_{n} - Z^{2} - \langle A^{2} \rangle_{n} - Z^{1}$ (5)

wherein R^1 is alkyl; A^1 is 1,4-cyclohexylene or 1,4-phenylene; Z^2 is a single bond or -COO-; Y^1 is fluorine or chlorine; and n is 0 or 1.

- 5 13. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 7, wherein it further the third component, which comprising at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formula (5) as described in the claim 12.
 - 14. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 11,
- wherein it further the third component, which comprising at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formula (5).
- 15. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 12, wherein the third component is in the range from 3% to 20% by weight, wherein the range is based on the total weight of the liquid crystal composition.
 - 16. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 13, wherein the third component is in the range from 3% to 20% by weight, wherein the range is based on the total weight of the liquid crystal composition.
 - 17. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 14, wherein the third component is in the range from 3% to 20% by weight, wherein the range is based on the total weight of the liquid crystal composition.
- 25 18. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 9,

20

wherein a dielectric anisotropy of the liquid crystal composition has a value of -6.5 to -2.0.

- 19. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 10, wherein a dielectric anisotropy of the liquid crystal
- 5 composition has a value of -6.5 to -2.0.
 - 20. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 11, wherein a dielectric anisotropy of the liquid crystal composition has a value of -6.5 to -2.0.
- 21. A liquid crystal display element comprising the liquid crystal composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 20.